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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Confirmation Number: 4649

HONGO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/815,305

Group Art Unit: 1763

Filed: March 23, 2001

Examiner: M. ARANCIBIA

For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING AN EVACUATING ARRANGEMENT  
TO EVACUATE GAS FROM A GAS-INTRODUCING PART OF A PROCESS CHAMBER

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

**FEES**

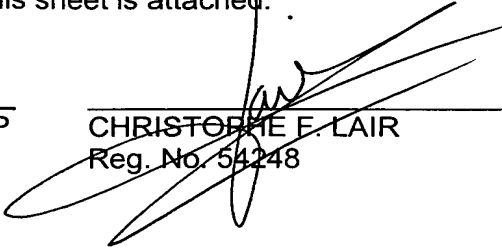
The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	14	-	20	= 0 x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	2	-	4	= 0 x \$ 200.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 360.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$ 0.00
RCE FEE					\$ 790.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 790.00

**FEE PAYMENT**

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination of the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment responds to the Advisory Action dated November 16, 2007, the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2006, and the Notice of Panel Decision dated January 18, 2007, the date for responding being February 20, 2007, due to the intervening week-end and Federal Holiday. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: